

Payton Myers, Kacee Newman, Taylor O'Bryant, Richard Olds, James Olson, James Pike, Lyle Potter, Tyler Reed, Blake Richey, John Hunter Sattler, Jack Schaeffer, Brady Schuh, Colbert Sheard, Jeremiah Slaughter, Spencer Smith, Brandon Spears, James Tyler Stricklin, Connor Tate, Travis Tate, John Timaeus, Andrew Walker, Jeffrey Dylan Watson, Elliot West, John West, Robert Westmoreland, Mason Wheeler, Zach Ziegelgrube.

In addition, these Scouts of which their U.S. Representative LOUIE GOHMERT is immensely proud, as should be the Nation itself, the following outstanding leaders have participated to lead these wonderful young men to the fulfillment of this scouting dream are the following: Paul Dunaway, Rory Hassell, Stephen Head, Jeffrey Jones, Matt Lindsey, Chris Peurifoy, Lyle Potter, Jim Reed, Greg Tate, Clinton Willbanks, Geoffrey Willbanks.

The foregoing Boy Scouts and leaders have, by their demonstrated excellence and zeal, not only expanded their horizons and abilities, but they have also made it possible to create a better world in which to live for all those who follow hence. Accordingly, their names and participation are hereby memorialized in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of the United States of America to bear witness of their valiant participation to all those who may draw near. May God bless every one of these fine individuals just as He has so richly blessed these United States of America to this time.

#### A TRIBUTE TO BEATRICE WILKINSON-WELTERS

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Beatrice Wilkinson-Welters for her appointment as Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago and for her outstanding contributions to the welfare of residents of Brooklyn.

Beatrice Wilkinson-Welters has distinguished herself through many years of service to her nation and community as the Founder and Chairman of the AnBryce Foundation and the Vincent Wilkinson Foundation, whose focus on underserved youth and young adults provide multiple settings for their personal and scholastic development.

She earned her undergraduate degree from Manhattanville College and her graduate degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She also received an Honorary Doctorate from Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina.

Beatrice Wilkinson-Welters has provided vision and leadership through her service as a trustee or board member for the Kennedy Center Board of Trustees, the National Symphony Orchestra, the Library of Congress, the Brookings Institution, the Washington Jesuit Academy, and the Maret School.

Despite her demanding career and many contributions to society, Beatrice Wilkinson-Welters has been a devoted wife to her husband, Anthony and a loving mother to their two sons Bryant and Andrew.

Beatrice Wilkinson-Welters was confirmed by the United States Senate as Ambassador to Trinidad-Tobago on March 10, 2010 and

sworn in by President Barack Obama on April 27, 2010.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Beatrice Wilkinson-Welters.

#### CELEBRATION OF THE COLUMBUS RECREATION AND PARKS DE- PARTMENT ON ITS CENTENNIAL

#### HON. MARY JO KILROY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Ms. KILROY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department. Through its 100 years of serving our community, the Department has enriched the lives of central Ohioans by offering social and educational programming, activities, and events for all ages to enjoy.

On July 15, 1910, Columbus mayor George S. Marshall signed into law legislation establishing the Columbus Department of Recreation, which encompassed the city's six established park locations. As part of the City Beautiful Movement, the Department of Recreation became crucial in Columbus' development as an aesthetically-pleasing city filled with green spaces and public parks. With the Department's hard work, residents began to enjoy beautiful scenery, community centers, trails, pools, golf courses, and programming designed with central Ohioans of all ages in mind. In 1972 the Department of Recreation merged with the Division of Forestry and Parks to become the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department we have today, and has grown from its original six parks to 215 established parks, greenways and green spaces that span over 10,000 acres across Franklin County.

The Columbus Recreation and Parks Department offers a wide variety of classes, events, and programs to connect residents of all neighborhoods involved in the community. Locations such as the Cultural Arts Center offer art classes for painting, ceramics, and sculpting. Entire theatrical seasons are played out at various centers such as the Davis Youth Performing Arts Center. Central Ohio seniors can enjoy aerobics classes, along with senior golf, softball, and basketball leagues.

From April through December of this year, the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department will be celebrating its centennial anniversary with events every month. At the Jazz and Rib Fest in the Arena District, the Department commemorated its July 15th birthday with a "Best Ribs" contest and they have held their 100th hole celebration at Raymond Golf Course.

For 100 years, the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department has played a vital role in the growth of Columbus and Ohio's 15th Congressional District, as well as the enhancement of the quality of life of those who call central Ohio home. I am proud to recognize and honor the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department as they celebrate 100 years of history and achievement.

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE  
ROGER WENDT FOR HIS WORK  
ON THE IOWA SAFE SCHOOLS  
ACT

#### HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. BOSWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to commend State Representative Roger Wendt, former Chair of the Iowa House Education Committee for his work protecting Iowa's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) students from bullying and harassment in schools and communities. All students need a safe, supportive environment in which to learn, regardless of gender or sexual orientation. There is extensive evidence that LGBT students are disproportionately targets for harassment and discrimination in schools. The climate of fear experienced by LGBT students frequently results in increased absenteeism, decreased academic performance and increased risk of suicide and other high-risk behaviors.

On September 1, 2010, Iowa Safe Schools will recognize Alicia Claypool, State Representative Roger Wendt, and State Senator Mike Connolly for all their work protecting Iowa's LGBT students and all other students from bullying and harassment. This date will mark the 3rd year anniversary of the Iowa Safe Schools Law going into effect. This legislation protects Iowa's 500,000 students from bullying and harassment in our schools on the basis of 17 categories which include sexual orientation and gender identity.

Representative Wendt led the fight in the Iowa House for this critical piece of legislation. His years-long efforts resulted in its bi-partisan passage in February 2007. Iowa educators, administrators, and other policy makers hold Representative Wendt in high esteem for his tireless commitment to improving the lives of Iowa youth. Parents, community leaders, and students have been well-served by this advocate for equality, and I am proud to honor him.

#### TRUTH IN FUR LABELING ACT OF 2009

SPEECH OF

#### HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 28, 2010*

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for H.R. 2480, the Truth in Fur Labeling Act, which improves the accuracy of labels on fur products sold in the United States. The bill would also require the Federal Trade Commission to review its Fur Products Name Guide, ensuring that document contains accurate and consistent species names. I support the Truth in Fur Labeling Act because American consumers deserve to know what, exactly, they are purchasing when they shop for fur garments, regardless of the price of those garments.

This legislation guarantees transparency so that shoppers can make informed decisions about the products they buy. This transparency is currently compromised by the "fur